Docket No.: 61282-064 PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Customer Number: 20277

Minoru OKAMOTO

Confirmation Number:

Serial No.:

Group Art Unit:

Filed: February 27, 2004

Examiner:

For: SYS

SYSTEM LSI DESIGN SUPPORT APPARATUS AND A SYSTEM LSI DESIGN

SUPPORT METHOD

CLAIM OF PRIORITY

Mail Stop Patent Application Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 119, Applicant hereby claims the priority of:

Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-051046, filed February 27, 2003

cited in the Declaration of the present application. A Certified copy will follow.

Respectfully submitted,

MCDERMOTT WILL & EMERY

Michael E Fogarty

Registration No. 36,139

600 13th Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20005-3096 (202) 756-8000 MEF:prg Facsimile: (202) 756-8087

Date: February 27, 2004